

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81  
By Halteman Harwel

A RESOLUTION to recognize J. M. Powell upon his outstanding contributions to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through diligence and hard work have contributed significantly to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell is one such notable person, who has dedicated his life to God, faith and religion; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell received his A.A. degree from David Lipscomb University, his B.A. degree from Oglethorpe University, an M.A. degree from Harding Graduate School and an L.L.D. from Lubbock Christian College; and

WHEREAS, having a strong commitment to his faith and to God, J.M. Powell has served with alacrity and acuity as a Church of Christ minister for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has served as a minister in a number of cities, including Chattanooga, Memphis, Franklin, Louisville and Atlanta, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell has authored several books on religion, including *The Cause We Plead*, *Anedotal Stories of Books, Authors and Events* and *History of the Franklin Church of Christ*; and

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WHEREAS, J.M. Powell is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, and participates in numerous organizations, including illustrious service as a member of the board of the International Christian University in Vienna, Austria and as a board member of the *Voice of Freedom*; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell also takes time from a very busy schedule to serve on the advisory boards of Northeastern Christian Junior College and the Ohio Valley College; and

WHEREAS, he has served as president and faculty member of Ohio Valley College; he is a former Adjunct Professor at the Alabama Christian School of Religion and the Nashville Bible School at David Lipscomb College; and

WHEREAS, because of his devout love for the Lord, J.M. Powell worked with the Blue Ridge Encampment Christian Program for 32 years, serving as Director for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell has traveled the world on preaching tours, lecturing about the Restoration Movement; and

WHEREAS, he is a former member of the Rotary Club, Civitan Club and the Tennessee Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, J.M. Powell is most appreciative of the love he shares with his charming wife, Mildred Cliett Powell; his son Monty Powell; his daughter and son-in-law, Patsy Powell Mitchell and Harold Mitchell; three grandchildren, Susan Shipsey, Melanie Hall and Becky Davidson; and three great-grandchildren, Emily Shipsey, Hunter Hall and Hayden Hall; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Powell's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their full potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend J.M. Powell upon his many years of exemplary service to the Church of Christ faith and to the citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.